

EPA Region 6 Grant Awards

1. Region 6 has just completed awarding over \$800K in federal grants to accomplish Border 2012 program priorities along the border. In addition, \$600K in Air Program grants were awarded after a Request for Proposals (RFP).
2. Grants under the **Border 2012** program included: Watershed monitoring and education, improving health, biodiesel market development, waste tire cleanup and planing, solid waste management, reduction of illegal dumping, health professional capacity building, pesticides exposure reduction, health capacity building in colonias, joint hazardous material education and response, and environmental education.
3. Next RFP for Region 6 Border Program grants will be announced at the end of December or early January.
4. Particularly noteworthy (under the **Air Program**), in terms of how they may relate to the subject of the GNEB 9th report, EPA has issued grants **or contracts including:**

A demonstration project that will show the economic feasibility of a third-party subsidizing improvements to diesel trucks and their trailers, which will reduce emissions of Nox and PM from the trucks, while increasing fuel efficiency; \$134,000 in Border contract funds is being invested. A key feature of this project is to establish creative funding mechanisms to restore monies to a fund based on demonstrated savings so that the project can grow based on available funding.

The University of Texas at Austin for \$60,000 to reduce the emissions of air toxics and to improve environmental health for the people in the Texas-Coahuila-Nuevo Leon-Tamaulipas Region

El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for \$75,000 to implement a community-based, voluntary approach to emission reductions in the small business community through both stationary and mobile-source emission reduction strategies.

The FEMAP Foundation for \$60,000 for the reduction of air pollution. Reduce air pollution by observing a reduction in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions. Also promote environmental stewardship by integrating waste grease producers as bio-fuel marketers. Identify waste grease generators, report total waste grease generated in the Paso del Norte region, utilize bio-diesel in a donated vehicle and promote the use of bio-diesel through its use.

The Ysleta del Sur Tribe in El Paso for \$181,120 to produce biodiesel fuel from waste products and demonstrate its use with voluntary vehicles.

Alamo Area Council of Governments for \$294,179 that will test emissions of Mexican-domiciled diesel trucks using standard diesel fuel from Mexico vs. blends of diesel fuels in order to identify fuels that will reduce Nox emissions and yet be practical for use by these trucks.

NMED for \$104,862 to locate and install air quality monitoring station in Luna County, NM and report to AQS and AirNOW. Also will support existing monitors in Dona Ana County.

TCEQ for a Border-area emphasis for the SmartWay partnership (\$88,500)

Zapata County - airborne air quality monitoring - \$354,000

TX General Land Office (GLO) to support the 2006 U.S./Mexico Border Energy Forum and workshop - (\$63,720)

TX State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for a Web-based monitoring system to track renewable energy projects in Border region (\$53,043)

El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District for air monitoring support in Paso del Norte air basin (\$270,848)